

SENATOR TERRELL

Offered the following resolution, which under the rules, lies over one day.

Resolved, by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, That rule 6, of the joint rules of the two Houses, be so amended as to hereafter read as follows: "All messages relating to the passage, substitution or amendment of any bill, resolution or other matter in passage between the two Houses, shall be sent by such person as a sense of propriety in each house may determine to be proper, and shall be in writing on but one side of separate sheet or sheets of paper, and shall be properly addressed to the presiding officer of the House to which the message be sent, and shall be signed by the person delivering the same in his official capacity.

A message was received from the House, announcing the passage of the following by the House.

Substitute for House joint resolutions Nos. 5 and 13, and House bill No. 26,

Being a "joint resolution to amend section 2, of Article 6, of the Constitution of the State of Texas."

Referred to Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

House bill No. 280.

"An act to amend sections 4 and 12, of an act entitled 'an act amendatory of and supplementary to the several acts incorporating the city of Dallas, taking effect April 3, 1885,' and to add thereto another section, to be known as section 15a, and also to amend sections 25, 63, 84, 91, 94, 113, 126, 127, 133 and 179, of an act to incorporate the city of Dallas, approved August 9, 1876, and all amendments to said sections by the amendatory acts of July 9, 1879, April 3, 1881 and March 31, 1883, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith."

Referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

House bill No. 122.

"An act to amend section 13 of 'an act entitled, an act to amend section 13 of 'an act to redistrict the State into judicial districts and fix the times for holding courts therein, and to provide for the election of judges and district attorneys in said districts at the next general election to be held on the first Tuesday, after the first Monday in November, 1884, Approved March 31, 1885.'"

Referred to Committee on Judicial Districts.

House bill No. 88.

"An act to establish the western boundary of Edwards county."

Referred to Committee on counties and county boundaries.

House bill No. 115.

"An act to restore the Civil Jurisdiction of the County Court of Bosque County and to repeal all laws in conflict therewith"

Referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

House bill No. 172.

"An act to authorize and require the Commissioner of the General Land Office to issue a patent to the heirs of Wilhelm Kuhlman for 320 acres of land, located in Gillespie County on December 1, 1879 by virtue of scrip No. 5."

Referred to Committee on Private Land Claims.

Substitute House bill No. 57.

"An act to amend Articles 9 and 10, of title 3, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, defining the rights of aliens in this State."

Referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

House bill No. 73.

"An act to amend Article 165, chapter 4, title 6, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas."

Referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

House bill No. 60.

"An act to amend Article 428 of section 1 of an act to amend Articles 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429 and 430a and to create Article 426 1-2 and to repeal Article 430 of chapter 5, title 13 of the Penal Code of the Revised Statutes for the protection of fish and game, approved March 15, A. D., 1881."

Referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

On motion of Senator Pope:

The Senate adjourned till 11 o'clock Monday morning.

THIRTIETH DAY.

SENATE CHAMBER. }

AUSTIN, February 14, 1887. }

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Lieutenant Governor Wheeler in the chair.

Roll called.

Quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain Dr. Smoot.

On motion of Senator Houston,

The reading of the Journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

BY SENATOR HOUSTON:

Petition of E. Kimball praying for a pension.

Referred to Committee on Private Land Claims.

BY SENATOR LANE:

Protest of citizens of San Angelo against the Moore Insurance bill.

Ordered to lie on the table with bill.

BY SENATOR CALHOUN:

Protest of the Colorado and Concho Stock Associations against the illegal enclosure bill, and in reference to land matters in general.

Referred to Committee on Public Lands.

BY SENATOR BELL:

Petition of citizens of Hamilton and Erath counties concerning pending legislation.

Referred to Committee on Internal Improvements.

BY SENATOR UPSHAW:

Petition of citizens of Hill county, favoring the validation of patents on lands in Greer county.

Referred to Committee on Public Lands.

BY SENATOR BURNEY:

Memorial from the Colorado and Concho Stock Association, embodying their views upon the public land question.

Referred to Committee on Public Lands.

And,

Petition of citizens of Tom Green county, in regard to public land matters.

Referred to Committee on Public Lands.

SENATOR FRANK

Asked to have the Journal of the 11th instant corrected to show that Senator Field's amendment to substitute Senate bill No. 143, provided that leases should not be made for a longer period than "ten" years, and not "five" years, as was printed in the Journal of that date. The error was one of the printers.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

BY SENATOR TERRELL:

COMMITTEE ROOM. }

AUSTIN, February 11, 1887. }

Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 141, entitled:

"An act to diminish the civil jurisdiction of the county court of Brazos county, and to conform the jurisdiction of the district court of said county to such change," have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

TERRELL, chairman.

Bill read first time.

BY SENATOR BELL:

COMMITTEE ROOM, }

AUSTIN, February 12, 1887. }

Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred House bill No. 8 entitled

"An act to prevent the acceptance of free railroad passes or tickets, or the use of same, or any device in lieu thereof, by State, District and county officers, and to prescribe penalties therefore," have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

BELL, chairman.

Bill read first time.

COMMITTEE ROOM }

AUSTIN, February 12, 1887. }

Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 148, entitled "An act to amend Article 1053, of chapter 2, of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the State of Texas," have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

The bill, if it should become a law, would provide for the payment of a fee, to the attorney representing the State in each habeas corpus case, as

the law is now, if any number of defendants are prosecuted for the same offense the district or county attorney is entitled to only one fee, though they may be separately tried.

All of which is respectfully submitted. BELL, chairman.

Bill read first time.

COMMITTEE ROOM. }

AUSTIN, February 12, 1887. }

Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 164, entitled

"An act to amend Article 528, of the Criminal Code of the State of Texas," have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it lie on the table, as House bill No. 51, which relates to the same subject matter, has been favorably reported by your committee.

All of which is respectfully submitted. BELL, chairman.

Bill read first time.

COMMITTEE ROOM. }

AUSTIN, February 12, 1887. }

Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 142, entitled:

"An act to amend chapter 4, title 7, of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the State of Texas, by adding thereto Article 451a," have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

BELL, chairman.

Bill read first time.

COMMITTEE ROOM. }

AUSTIN, February 12, 1887. }

Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 102, entitled

"An act to amend Article 500, title 15, chapter 3, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas," have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

BELL, chairman.

Bill read first time.

COMMITTEE ROOM. }

AUSTIN, February 12, 1887. }

Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 305, entitled:

"An act to insure the speedy collection of fines in misdemeanor cases, and to make the officers charged with the collection thereof civilly and criminally liable for a failure to collect the same," have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

BELL, chairman.

Bill read first time.

COMMITTEE ROOM. }

AUSTIN, February 12, 1887. }

Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 199 entitled, "An act to repeal Article 190 title 3, chapter 8, of the Code of Criminal Procedure, of the State of Texas," have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

BELL, chairman.

Bill read first time.

COMMITTEE ROOM. }

AUSTIN, February 12, 1887. }

Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 217, entitled

"An act to punish sheriffs and constables for failing to take a good bond in criminal cases," have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

BELL, chairman.

Bill read first time.

COMMITTEE ROOM. }

AUSTIN, February 12, 1887. }

Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate:

Sir—Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 183, entitled

"An act to amend Article 178, chapter 4, of title 6 of the Penal Code, so

as to prevent selling liquors on election day, have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

The bill is designed to so amend the law, as to prevent the giving away or selling of intoxicating liquors, or keeping open a saloon, on the day of election. At present the law only provides a penalty for those who give away or sell intoxicating liquors or keep open saloons on the day of election, when such act is done in the precinct of the resident.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

BELL, chairman.

Bill read first time.

COMMITTEE ROOM.

AUSTIN, February 12, 1887. }

Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 193, entitled:

"An act to amend Article 398, title 12, chapter 3, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas," have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

The Civil Statutes require a physician, before engaging in the practice of medicine, to have their diploma, or certificate recorded with the county clerk. The Criminal Statutes provide that he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor if he practices his profession without having such diploma or certificate recorded with the district clerk.

The bill seeks to harmonize the Civil and Criminal Statutes on this subject.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

BELL, chairman.

Bill read first time.

COMMITTEE ROOM.

AUSTIN, February 12, 1887. }

Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 97, entitled "An act to punish the interference with certain laborers and employees in this State," have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

BELL, chairman.

Bill read first time.

COMMITTEE ROOM.

AUSTIN, February 12, 1887. }

Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 185, entitled:

"An act to amend Article 1094 of the Code of Criminal Procedure," have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report it back to the Senate with the accompanying amendment, and to recommend that the bill so amended do pass.

The bill, if it should become a law, would allow the same mileage to sheriffs and constables in misdemeanor cases as is now allowed in felony cases.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

BELL, chairman.

Committee amendment on section 8.

Strike out the words "and five cents per mile for each mile traveled by said route to and from said court."

Bill read first time.

COMMITTEE ROOM.

AUSTIN, February 12, 1887. }

Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 163, entitled, "An act to amend Article 503, of the Criminal Code have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

BELL, chairman.

Bill read first time.

SENATOR POPE

Gave notice of intention to file minority report on this bill adverse to its passage.

COMMITTEE ROOM.

AUSTIN, February 12, 1887. }

Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 214, entitled "An act to amend chapter 2, title 7, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas," have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

The bill seeks to make it penal to engage in target shooting or hunting with fire arms on Sunday.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

BELL, chairman.

Bill read first time.

BY SENATOR FRANK:

COMMITTEE ROOM, }
AUSTIN, February 14, 1887. }
Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared Senate bill No. 143, being

"An act to provide for the exclusive management and control of the lands of the University of Texas by the Board of Regents, with the power to sell or lease the same, and to institute the necessary suits concerning said lands," and find the same correctly engrossed.

FRANK, chairman.

BY SENATOR M'DONALD:

COMMITTEE ROOM, }
AUSTIN, February 14, 1887. }
Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Judicial Districts to whom was referred Senate bill No. 226 entitled:

"An act to reorganize the Twenty-eighth Judicial District of the State of Texas, and to provide the times for holding the District Court therein," have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

MCDONALD, chairman.

Bill read first time.

COMMITTEE ROOM, }
AUSTIN, February 13, 1887. }
Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Judicial Districts, to whom was referred House bill No. 122, entitled

"An act to amend section 13, of an act entitled 'an act to amend section 13 of an act to redistrict the State into judicial districts, and fix the times for holding courts therein, and to provide for the election of judges and district attorneys in said districts, at the next general election, to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1884, approved March 31, 1885,'" have had the same under consideration, and instruct me

to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

MCDONALD, chairman.

Bill read first time.

A message was received from the House announcing the passage by the House of the following bills:

Substitute House bill No. 38.

"An act to amend Article 314, chapter 3, title 9, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, as amended by the General laws of the State of Texas at the regular session of the Eighteenth Legislature."

Referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

House bill No. 74.

"An act to amend article 425, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas."

Referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That the Committee on Enrolled Bills be, and they are hereby specially charged with the duty of examining the Journals from time to time for the purpose of seeing whether the fact of the signing by the President of the Senate of all bills and resolutions passed by the Legislature has been duly entered on the Journals as required by section 38, Article 3, of the Constitution, and whenever the Journals shall fail to show the fact of such signing, it shall be the duty of the chairman of said committee to have the same corrected so as to show such fact.

SENATOR M'DONALD

Explained the resolution and it was adopted.

BY SENATOR FRANK:

A bill to be entitled:

"An act for the relief of J. B. Early, and to validate bounty land certificate No. 831, and the survey made by virtue thereof, issued by Ben F. Hill, Adjutant General of Texas, on May 28, 1885, for 240 acres of land to Henry W. Ward, the said Early being now the owner of said certificate.

Referred to Committee on Private Land Claims.

BY SENATOR DAVIS:

A bill to be entitled:

"An act to amend Article 423, of

chapter 5, of title 13, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas."

The bill makes it unlawful to drag any stream, lake or pool in this State above tide water, with fish net, seine, trap, etc., and makes it finable not exceeding \$50.

Referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

BY SENATOR CALHOUN:

"An act to amend Article 358, of chapter 3, title 11, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas."

The bill makes it penal to keep or exhibit for purpose of gaming any gaming table, or bank etc., and makes finable not less than \$25 nor more than \$100, and imprisonment in the county jail for not less than ten nor more than ninety days.

Referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

BY SENATOR WOODWARD:

A bill to be entitled "An act to amend Article 317, chapter 3, of the Penal Code."

Under this act it will be unlawful to ride or drive a horse along or across any public square, public road or at a greater speed than ten miles an hour, and makes it finable to do so, not less than \$25 nor more than \$100.

Referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

And

A bill to be entitled "An act to amend Article 314, chapter 11, of the Penal Code."

The bill makes it finable to insult any person by the use of abusive language etc. in his hearing etc., and makes the fine not less than \$5 nor more than \$100.

Referred to Judicial Committee, No. 2. and,

Article to be entitled:

"An act to amend Article 313, chapter 11, of the Penal Code."

The bill makes it finable not less than \$5 nor not more \$100 for two or more persons to willingly fight together in a public place.

Referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

BY SENATOR CLAIBORNE.

"An act to make more available the investment of the permanent school fund by loaning same to new railways to be constructed in Texas."

Referred to Committee on Finance.

BY SENATOR JARVIS.

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Special Committee appointed to examine and enquire into the mode and manner of carrying on the public business in the Comptroller's office be, and is hereby authorized to appoint a special clerk for such time only as they may need him; to receive pay at the rate of \$5 per day.

Adopted.

Senate bill No. 50.

A bill to be entitled:

"An act to require railway companies to give their employes notice before reducing their wages or discharging them, and to require employes, before striking, to give such companies notice of their intention to strike," was taken up as first special order, and

SENATOR WOODS

Moved to adopt the adverse minority committee report.

SENATOR LANE

Spoke in favor of adopting the minority report and against the bill.

SENATOR HARRISON

Opposed the minority report.

SENATOR WOODS

Spoke in favor of the minority report and against the bill.

SENATOR POPE

Opposed the adoption of the minority unfavorable committee report.

Senators Burges and Terrell opposed the bill, but opposed the adoption of the minority report.

The motion to adopt the minority report was lost by the following vote:

YEAS—3.

Houston,
Late. Woods,

NAYS—20.

Abercrombie,	Glasscock,
Allen,	Harrison,
Bell,	Jarvis,
Burges,	Knittle,
Burney,	McDonald,
Calhoun,	MacManus,
Camp,	Pope,
Claiborne,	Terrell,
Davis,	Upshaw,
Frank,	Woodward.

SENATOR HARRISON

Offered the following substitute for the bill and pending committee amendments:

A bill to be entitled:

"An act to require railway companies to give their employes thirty days notice before reducing their wages, and to provide a remedy for the violation thereof.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the legislature of the State of Texas: That all persons in the employment of any railroad company shall be entitled to receive thirty days notice from said company before their wages can be reduced by such company, and in cases of reduction the employe shall be entitled to receive from such company wages at his contract price for the full term of thirty days after such notice is given, to be recovered in any court of competent jurisdiction.

Section 2. The notice referred to in this act is declared to mean thirty full days immediately prior to the day upon which such reduction is to take effect, and may be given by posting written or printed hand bills, specifying the parties whose wages are to be reduced and the amount of such reduction, in at least three conspicuous places in or about each shop, section house, station, depot, train or other place where said employes are at work.

Sec. 3. Any such company who shall do any act for the purpose of evading the provisions of this act shall pay to each employe affected thereby one month's extra wages, to be recovered by such employe in any court of competent jurisdiction.

SENATOR ALLEN

Moved to postpone the further consideration of the bill and substitute till Wednesday, and that it be made the special order for that day after the morning call.

Senators Harrison and Burney opposed the postponement of the bill.

The motion to postpone was lost by the following vote:

YEAS—1.

Allen.

NAYS—22.

Abercrombie, Camp,
Bell, Claiborne,
Burges, Davis,
Burney, Frank,
Calhoun, Glasscock.

Harrison, MacManus,
Houston, Pope,
Jarvis, Terrell,
Knittle, Upshaw,
Lane, Woods,
McDonald, Woodward.

The substitute was adopted by the following vote:

YEAS—23.

Abercrombie, Houston.
Allen, Jarvis,
Bell, Knittle,
Burges, Lane,
Burney, McDonald,
Calhoun, MacManus,
Camp, Pope,
Claiborne, Terrell,
Davis, Upshaw,
Frank, Woods,
Glasscock, Woodward.
Harrison,

SENATOR M'DONALD

Offered the following amendment:

Amend section 3 by striking out all after the first word "any" in line 1, down to and including the word "evading," in line 2, and inserting the following: "Railway company violating any of."

SENATOR M'DONALD

Explained his amendment and it was adopted.

SENATOR GLASSCOCK

Offered the following amendment:

Amend substitute Senate bill No. 50.

Amendment to section 1, of the substitute by inserting after the word company in line 2, section 1, the following words: "Where the contract of employment is by the month."

SENATOR HARRISON

Opposed the amendment.

SENATOR POPE

Offered the following substitute for the amendment:

Amend by adding section 4 as follows:

"The provisions of this bill shall apply only to laborers employed for an indefinite length of time."

Accepted.

SENATORS M'DONALD AND BURNEY

Opposed the amendment as substituted.

SENATOR POPE

Asked leave to withdraw his substitute for the amendment, but Senator Glasscock objected, and the request for leave to withdraw was not entertained.

SENATOR BURNEY

Offered the following amendment, to the amendment as substituted:

Amend by adding after word "employed" "for any time not less than 30 days or—"

Lost by the following vote:

YEAS—7.

Burney,	Lane,
Glasscock,	Terrell,
Houston,	Woods.
Knittle,	

NAYS—15

Abercrombie,	Frank,
Allen,	Harrison.
Bell,	Jarvis,
Burges,	McDonald,
Calhoun,	MacManus,
Camp,	Pope,
Claiborne,	Woodward.
Davis,	

ABSENT—1.

Upshaw.

SENATOR BURNEY

Moved to amend by adding after the word "company," in line 2, section 11, "or any other corporation,"

Lost.

SENATOR KNITTLE

Offered the following amendment to the amendment:

Amend by adding "provided that this act shall apply to all employes, whether of railroads or any corporations."

Adopted, by the following vote:

YEAS—19.

Abercrombie,	Houston,
Allen,	Knittle,
Burges,	Lane,
Burney,	McDonald.
Calhoun,	MacManus,
Camp,	Pope,
Claiborne,	Terrell,
Davis,	Woods,
Glasscock,	Woodward.
Harrison,	

NAYS—3.

Bell,	Jarvis.
Frank,	

ABSENT—1.

Upshaw.

SENATOR LANE

Moved to amend by adding the words "firm or persons," after the word "corporation."

Senators Lane, Terrell, Bell, Woods and Calhoun spoke in favor of the amendment.

Senators Jarvis, Burges, Claiborne and Harrison spoke in opposition to the amendment.

SENATOR POPE

Moved to adjourn till to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Lost.

The amendment was adopted by the following vote:

YEAS—12.

Abercrombie,	Houston,
Allen,	Knittle,
Bell,	Lane,
Calhoun,	Terrell,
Davis,	Woods,
Glasscock,	Woodward.

NAYS—11.

Burges,	Jarvis,
Burney,	McDonald,
Camp,	MacManus,
Claiborne,	Pope,
Frank,	Upshaw.
Harrison,	

SENATOR ABERCROMBIE

Moved to reconsider the vote just taken.

SENATOR FRANK

Spoke in favor of reconsidering the vote by which the amendment was adopted.

The motion to reconsider was adopted by the following vote:

YEAS—12.

Abercrombie,	Harrison,
Burges,	Jarvis,
Burney,	McDonald,
Camp,	MacManus,
Claiborne,	Pope,
Frank,	Upshaw,

NAYS—11.

Allen,	Knittle,
Bell,	Lane,
Calhoun,	Terrell,
Davis,	Woods,
Glasscock,	Woodward.
Houston,	

A message was received from the House announcing the passage of the following bills:

Substitute House bills Nos. 43 and 45.

"An act to amend chapter 2, Article

566, of the Revised Civil Statutes as amended by an act of the Nineteenth Legislature, approved March 27, 1885."

Referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

House bill No. 89.

"An act to amend an act passed at the regular session of the Eighteenth Legislature, and approved April 18, 1883, entitled 'an act to amend Article 430, of section 1, and to repeal section 2, of an act to amend Articles 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429 and 430a, and to create Article 426 1-2 and to repeal Article 430, of chapter 5, title 13, of the Penal Code of the Revised Statutes, for the protection of fish and game,' approved March 15, 1881."

Referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

House bill No. 90.

"An act establishing the manner of ascertaining the boundaries of counties, and repealing all laws in conflict with this act."

Referred to Committee on Counties and County Boundaries.

On motion of Senator Burges,

The Senate adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THIRTY-FIRST DAY.

SENATE CHAMBER, }
AUSTIN, TEXAS, February 15, 1887. }

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Lieutenant Governor Wheeler in the chair.

Roll called.

Quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Dr. Smoot.

SENATOR MACMANUS

Moved to dispense with the reading of the Journal of yesterday.

Lost.

SENATOR POPE

Moved to reconsider the vote just taken.

Lost.

The Secretary proceeded to read the Journal, when on motion of Senator Stinson the further reading of it was postponed till to-morrow and was made the special order after morning call.

On motion of Senator Claiborne,

Senator Terrell was excused on account of sickness indefinitely.

The President gave notice of signing Senate bill No. 12

"An act to amend Article 617, chapter 2, Code Criminal Procedure of Texas."

And

Senate bill No. 36.

"An act to repeal chapter 45 of the General Laws of the State of Texas, passed by the Seventeenth Legislature of the State of Texas."

On motion of Senator Harrison,

Mr. Brewer, assistant doorkeeper, was excused from yesterday until Saturday.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

BY SENATOR POPE:

Memorials from citizens of Greer county asking that patents on land in that county be validated.

Referred to Committee on Public Lands.

BY SENATOR MACMANUS:

Petition of citizens of Nueces county for the establishment by the State of an industrial school for colored youths.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

BY SENATOR STINSON:

Petition of the city officers of Greenville, Hunt county, Texas, relative to cities, etc.

Referred to the Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

BY SENATOR GLASSCOCK:

Petition from citizens of Hays county asking that the incorporation act be so amended as to permit of the incorporation of co-operative Associations.

Referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

BY SENATOR FRANK:

COMMITTEE ROOM. }

AUSTIN, February 14, 1887. }

Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Penitentiaries, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 1, entitled:

"An act to establish a house of correction, and to provide for the government and maintenance thereof," have had the same under consideration, and a majority instruct me to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that the accompanying substitute do pass.